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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8 as follows:

A1 Securement of the apparatus of the present invention to a garment or belt can be achieved in various different ways as will be appreciated by one of skill in the art. Preferably, however, the shoulder of the device can be attached directly to the garment or belt by a suitable adhesive and/or apertures can be provided in the shoulder for securing the shoulder to a garment or belt with rivets, thread, etc. A still further embodiment involves a rivet connection made possible by the shoulder being of a sufficient diameter such that it will not pass through an aperture in a grommet but which permits the post of the present invention to pass therethrough. To secure the post in such a grommet hole, various means can be employed. For example, the post may be maintained in a desired extended position, facilitating access to the at least one aperture in said post, simply due to the contact with a persons body or undergarment pressing outward against the shoulder. Alternatively, the device can be more firmly attached inside a grommet hole through

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